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In re Application of: Watschke, Brian P., et al, Eden Prairie, Minnesota		Anticipated Group Art Unit: Unknown
Serial No.: Unknown		
Filed: August 22, 2003		Anticipated Examiner: Unknown
For: SURGICAL ARTICLE		

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

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application of pending prior Application No. 09/968,239, filed on October 1, 2001.

1. ☒ Enclosed is the above-mentioned new patent application. It includes 33 sheet(s) of drawings (Figures 1-34), 35 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims and 1 page of abstract.
2. ☒ This application is a continuation-in-part of related patent application Serial No. 09/968,239 entitled "Sling Adjustment and Tensioning Accessory" which was filed on October 1, 2001 and claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/238,771 which was filed October 6, 2000.
3. ☐ Enclosed is an executed declaration or oath.
4. ☐ Enclosed are an application assignment to American Medical Systems and a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
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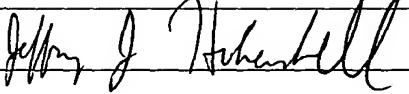
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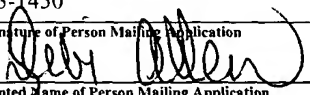
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